

PAV Conference Training Opportunities

The Department of Historic Resources is partnering with the Preservation Alliance of Virginia (PAV) to present a range of training opportunities at the PAV annual conference, "Preserving Virginia: Building Partnerships and Collaborations," September 22-24, 2002 in Richmond. The conference will include training sessions for educators, local government staff and board members, and citizen preservationists.

The ABCs of Historic Preservation, offered on the first day, will initiate newcomers and act as a refresher course for seasoned preservationists. It will touch on many of the fundamental strategies and organizational relationships that form the framework of the preservation movement. This session will kickoff the conference with a sampling of information that will be presented in several of the subsequent sessions.

Jim Percoco, Disney's Social Studies Teacher of the Year, will be featured in the Teaching With Historic Places workshop, which is also scheduled for Sunday, September 22. The workshop will highlight ways to integrate heritage education into classroom studies. It is designed to strengthen the relationship between the fields of education and preservation, and to provide teachers with new ways to bring preservation into the classroom.

A highlight of this year's conference is the Certified Local Government track, an excellent training opportunity for local review board staff and commissioners, as well as citizen preservationists. The sessions in this track will address issues ranging from review board processes and procedures to creative zoning strategies that enhance preservation. The track will be moderated by Pratt Cassity, executive advisor of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, and will provide participants with an opportunity to learn new strategies and exchange ideas.

To learn more about the conference, or to register, visit the Preservation Alliance of Virginia's Web site at <http://www.vapreservation.org>.